

WE CLAIM:

1. In combination with a banking establishment, an apparatus for teaching banking procedures to children, the apparatus comprising:

(a) a plurality of teller windows at least one of which comprises a children's window which is accessible to a child of small stature to allow the child to deposit and withdraw money from the banking establishment;

(b) a specifically designed savings book usable by the child to record deposits and withdrawals of money from the bank;

(c) a portable bank designed to retain money therewithin for use in transporting the money to the banking establishment and for retrieval by the child at the teller window accessible to the child; and

(d) a plurality of prizes designed to provide incentives to the child to save money and to be awarded to the child upon attainment of specified savings goals.

2. The apparatus as defined in claim 1 further including a publication designed to teach the child banking procedures.

3. The apparatus as defined in claim 1 further including a publication designed to establish a plurality of savings goals by awarding at least one of said plurality of prizes upon attaining at least one of said plurality of specified savings goals.

4. The apparatus as defined in claim 1 in which said children's window includes side panels provided with illustrations attractive to children.

5. The apparatus as defined in claim 1 in which said portable bank comprises a portable bank in the general shape of a small pig.

6. In combination with a banking establishment, an apparatus for teaching banking procedures to children, the apparatus comprising:

(a) a plurality of teller windows at least one of which comprises a children's window which is accessible to a child of small stature to allow the child to deposit and withdraw money from the banking establishment;

(b) a publication designed to teach children banking procedures;

(c) a savings book usable by the child to record deposits and withdrawals of money from the bank, said savings book having a cover provided with illustrations attractive to the child;

(d) a portable bank designed to retain money therewithin for use in transporting the money to the banking establishment and for retrieval by the child at the teller window accessible to the child;

(e) a publication designed to establish a plurality of savings goals by awarding at least one of said plurality of toys upon attaining at least one of said plurality of savings goals; and

(f) a plurality of toys designed to provide incentives to the child to save money and to be awarded to the child upon attainment of said savings goals.

7. The apparatus as defined in claim 6 in which said children's window includes side panels provided with illustrations attractive to children.

8. The apparatus as defined in claim 7 in which said portable bank comprises a portable bank in the general shape of a small pig.

9. A method for teaching children the rudiments of banking and the importance of savings through use of an apparatus comprising a children's teller window, a publication describing how banks operate, a children's savings book, a portable savings bank, a savings incentive chart, and a plurality of prizes, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) permitting the child access to said children's teller window;
- (b) providing to the child said children's savings book;
- (c) providing to the child said savings incentive chart;
- (d) providing to the child said portable savings bank; and
- (e) allowing the child to view said plurality of prizes and explaining to the child the steps to be followed prior to being awarded a selected one of said plurality of prizes.

10. The method as defined in claim 9 including the further step of providing to the child said publication describing how banks operate.

11. The method as defined in claim 10 further including the step of teaching the child how to use said children's savings book.